

Appln. No. 10/289,047

Attorney Docket No. 10541-1967

II. Remarks

The aforementioned Notice stated that the amendment filed on December 3, 2004 was considered non-compliant because the amendments to the claims were not submitted in the required format specified in 37 CFR 1.121.

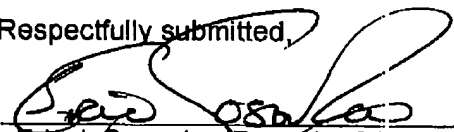
To correct this defect, the status identifiers of the claims have been amended to include the proper status designation under 37 CFR 1.121. As noted in the Notice, only the section of the amendment containing the non-compliant provision is being submitted in its entirety.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing.

January 31, 2005

Date

Respectfully submitted,


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